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In re Patent Application of:
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For: EFFICIENT NUCLEIC ACID
ENCAPSULATION INTO MEDIUM SIZED
LIPOSOMES

Examiner: R. A. Schnizer

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 14, 2008, the period for reply having been extended to March 16, 2009 (March 14 having fallen on a Saturday), by the payment of the fee for a two month extension of time submitted concurrently herewith, and pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.

Attachments: Selected pages from "Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual" are attached to this paper.